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(New) claim 24, The training device according to claim 19, wherein said chute is formed of a plurality of portions, said portions are removably attached to one another; said portions further include elements which can rotate allowing said chute to be substantially reduced in size for transport and storage.

(New) claim 25, The training device according to claim 20, said basketball goal further including a passage which is obstructed by an element; said element selected from the group consisting of: said plurality of roller bearings; said facsimile goal, said plurality of hooks, and said chute wherein said basketball will not easily pass through said basketball goal.

(New) claim 26, The training device according to claim 19, said training device does not rest on said playing court, wherein said training device does not impede said playing court.

(New) claim 27, The training device according to claim 19, said inner bearing is attached to a goal support formed on said basketball goal, wherein said basketball path is not altered when said goal support is struck.

The applicant submits that the specification and claims are now in proper form, and that the claims all define patentably over the prior art. Therefore it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action I respectfully solicit.

It is submitted that patentable subject matter is clearly present. If the examiner agrees but does not feel that the present claims are technically adequate, the applicant respectfully requests that the examiner write acceptable claims pursuant to MPEP 707.07(j).

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